



HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES

April 11, 2013- 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

JOINT MEETING WITH ARTS COMMISSION 6:30 – 6:45 P.M.

Public Works Director Glenn Akramoff gave an overview of the current Public Works projects and the role of Public Works in the city.

THE COMMISSION WAS ADJOURNED FROM THE JOINT MEETING TO OPEN THEIR REGULAR MEETING IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ahmad called the April 11, 2013 regular meeting of the Human Services Commission to order at 6:50 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Haris Ahmad, Leslie Hamada, Fran McGregor-Hollums, Mia McFarland, Lesley Schlesinger.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joyce Bowling was on vacation; John Woodcock, unexcused

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Victoria Throm, Personnel & Human Services Analyst

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Ahmad requested the addition of Agenda Item 2. Pat Gray, presentation on Kent HOPE

CM HAMADA MOVED AND CM MCGREGOR-HOLLUMS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED, WHICH INCLUDES THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 14, 2013 AS WRITTEN. VOTE: 5-0. MOTION CARRIED.

ORIENTATION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Chair Ahmad welcomed new commissioner Lesley Schlesinger. Chair Ahmad and Vice-Chair McGregor-Hollums gave an overview of the funding process and explained the funding priorities as well as their role in monitoring the agencies.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for Chair person were opened.

Commissioner McGregor-Hollums nominated Haris Ahmad to continue as Chair person. CM Hamada seconded the nomination. VOTE: 5:0. Haris was appointed as Chair.

Nominations for Vice-Chair were opened.

CM Ahmad nominated Fran McGregor-Hollums to continue as Vice-Chair. CM Hamada seconded the nomination. VOTE: 5:0. Fran was appointed as Vice-Chair.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 1. Confirm Site Visit Date to Head Start ECEAP

Victoria noted that the pre-school was open for visitors Monday through Thursday; one morning session and one afternoon session. The commission discussed their schedule and it was determined that the afternoon session worked best for those in school and Thursday was best for Fran. The commission agreed on Thursday, May 2nd at 2:30-4:00. Victoria will confirm with Director Theresa LaRonde and notify the commission by email. The location of this program is at Birch Creek housing on 132nd.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 2. Pat Gray from Kent HOPE

Pat gave a history of how Kent HOPE was formed by various non-profits and 29 churches with the goal to establish a homeless center in Kent. The group formed a partnership with Seattle's Union Gospel Mission and Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation. The new center will offer showers, laundry, restrooms, healthy meals served daily, life skills training, counseling, employment assistance, mail service, clothing bank, and companionship. There were two buildings in the downtown Kent area they made an offer on but the business community did not support it. They are currently working with the business community to build relationships and gain their support while they continue to pursue suitable buildings.

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by:



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